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VA Awards 53 Homeless Assistance Grants

WASHINGTON – A new round of grants to public and nonprofit groups from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will provide \$13 million to develop housing and service centers for homeless veterans.

"The VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program is a key component of VA's partnership with state, local and tribal organizations to shatter the cycle of chronic homelessness among military veterans who need a helping hand," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. "This has been one of VA's most successful programs in addressing the needs of homeless veterans."

Today's announcement of awards to 53 groups will add 1,378 beds to the 3,600 transitional beds for homeless veterans throughout the nation that have been previously funded through VA grants for the homeless. More than 40 percent of groups funded with this award are operated by faith-based organizations.

Earlier this year, 270 groups applied for VA's "per diem" funding, or financial support for daily bed use by veterans. This demonstrated significant unmet need for homeless veteran transitional housing across the country, as well as an increasing interest in this segment of America's homeless from community partners.

Through grants since the program began in 1994, VA has supported both beds for homeless veterans and such services as van purchases to transport the homeless or outreach programs to find and inform veterans about available services.

In addition to its work with community and faith-based organizations, VA is collaborating with other federal agencies and state and local governments to ensure that homeless veterans have access to a full range of health care, benefits and support services. The federal Interagency Council on the Homeless in which VA is an active

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participant is working to realize an administration goal to end chronic homelessness in a decade.

Although estimates of homelessness in America vary, studies have suggested as many as a fourth of the adult homeless population are veterans, including more than 200,000 veterans without homes on any given night -- and perhaps twice as many experiencing homelessness at some point during a year.

VA's major homeless programs constitute the largest integrated network of homeless assistance programs in the country, offering a wide array of services and initiatives to help veterans recover from homelessness and live as self-sufficiently and independently as possible.

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VA Grant and Per Diem Program Grants

Alabama	
Altheia House	Birmingham
Arkansas	
St. Francis House, Inc	Little Rock
Arizona	
Esperanza En Escalante	Tucson
California	
United States Veterans Initiative, Inc.	Inglewood
United States Veterans Initiative, Inc.	Long Beach
Volunteers of America of Los Angeles, Inc. (2 awards)	Los Angeles
Salvation Army	Los Angeles
Single Room Occupancy Housing Corporation	Los Angeles
Weingart Center Association	Los Angeles
Mary Lind Foundation	Los Angeles
Salvation Army	Los Angeles
New Directions, Inc.	Los Angeles
Clara-Mateo Alliance, Inc.	Menlo Park
LA Family Housing Corporation	N. Hollywood
Vietnam Veterans of San Diego	San Diego
Salvation Army	San Francisco
Salvation Army	Santa Barbara
People in Progress, Inc.	Sun Valley
Colorado	
Catholic Charities & Community Services	Denver
Connecticut	
Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation	Middletown
Hill Health Corporation	New Haven
District of Columbia	
Anchor Mental Health Association, Inc.	Washington
Florida	
Volunteers of America of Florida, Inc.	Tampa
Agency for Community Treatment Services	Tampa
Illinois	
Interfaith House, Inc.	Chicago
South Suburban PADS	Homewood
Goodwill Industries of Central Illinois, Inc.	Peoria
Indiana	
Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation, Inc.	Indianapolis

Kentucky	
Interlink Counseling Services, Inc.	Louisville
Louisiana	
Volunteers of America, Greater Baton Rouge, Inc.	Baton Rouge
Missouri	
St. Patrick Center	St. Louis
Salvation Army	St. Louis
North Carolina	
Healing with CAARE	Durham
Flynn Christian Fellowship Houses of Hickory, NC, Inc.	Hickory
Open Door Ministries of High Point, Inc.	High Point
New Jersey	
Community Hope, Inc.	Lyons
New York	
Altamont Program, Inc.	Menands
United Veterans Beacon House, Inc.	Rockaway Park
Part of the Solution, Inc.	Bronx
Ohio	
Joseph House, Inc.	Cincinnati
West Side Catholic Center	Cleveland
Stella Maris, Inc.	Cleveland
Meridian Services, Inc.	Youngstown
Oregon	
Transition Projects	Portland
Salvation Army	Portland
Pennsylvania	
Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service & Education Center	Coatesville
Texas	
United States Veterans Initiative, Inc.	Houston
Utah	
First Step House, Inc.	Salt Lake City
Catholic Community Services of Utah	Salt Lake City
Washington	
Valley Residential Services	College Place
Low Income Housing Institute	Seattle
Wisconsin	
Veterans Assistance Foundation	Madison